

October 2005--Help for Prescription Costs

Please take some time to read over all the information to find the program best for you. If you have questions, call the listed program directly or visit their website on the Internet.



Franklin County Only

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About the program:

No more than \$50 (if you are under 60) or \$100 (if you are over 60) is paid to the pharmacy for prescription medicines (no over-the-counter drugs) or medical supplies.

You qualify if: You are a low-income person with a health emergency.

To apply: Call or walk in -- Monday-Friday from 10:00-11:30 am & 1-2 pm.
196 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 241-2531.

Prescription for Good Health

About the program:

Help enrolling into drug company programs that give you prescription discounts. There is \$ 10 per prescription charge up to a \$ 50 maximum co-pay per month. After 5 medications, there is no co-pay. Proof of income is required. It takes about 4-6 weeks before you get your medications.

You qualify if:

- You are a Franklin County resident
- You have an income less than \$ 16,000/yr for single person, \$25,000 for couple
- You do not have any prescription drug insurance

To apply: Call 1-877-223-1505.

Prescription Access

About the program:

Help with chronic medications. Handles Medication Assistance Program (MAP) applications. Enrollment cost is \$ 15/ year. MAP fee is \$12.00 for 3 prescriptions and \$ 1.00 for each added one over three. Once enrolled, you must pay the cost of the discounted medications. (Discounts can be large).

You qualify if:

- You are a Franklin County resident
- You are at or below 200% of the poverty level (for a single person—\$1552 or less a month in income)
- You do not have prescription drug coverage
- You are not able to get any private or government (Medicaid) prescription help.
- You can show proof of income and a photo I.D.

To apply: Call 1-888-299-3615
or go to <http://www.prescription-access.org/> on the Internet.



Ohio Programs

Benefits Check Up Rx

About the program:

Provides information about brand name and generic drug Patient Assistance Programs. Includes eligibility requirements for programs, including the Medicare Transitional Assistance program and programs for Ohio residents, applications and instructions for applying.

You qualify if:

Anyone can use this program but you need access to the Internet.

To use the program: Go to www.benefitscheckup.org on the Internet.

Golden Buckeye Card with Prescription Drug Savings

About the program:

Participating pharmacies throughout Ohio provide a discount on the cost of prescriptions when Golden Buckeye card is used.

You qualify if:

- You are an Ohio resident
- You are 60 years of age or older or
- You are ages 18-59 and you have a total and permanent disability as defined by the Social Security Administration

To use this program: You must have a Golden Buckeye card.

Cards are automatically sent to people 60 years of age and older. Applications for a card can be made at most libraries and senior centers.

Questions: Call 1-866-301-6446 or go to www.GoldenBuckeye.com on the Internet.

Ohio's Best Rx

About the program:

State sponsored program to be run by Ohio Department of Job & Family Services. Those who qualify will receive an Ohio's Best Rx card that provides access to discounted drug prices.

You qualify if:

- You are an Ohio resident
- You have no prescription drug coverage
- You are 60 years of age or older or
- You are under 60 and you have an income less than \$ 23,940/year for a single person, \$ 32,100/year for a family of 2 or \$ 40,234/year for a family of 3 or more.

To use the program:

Call 1-866-923-7879 or go to www.ohiobestrx.org on the Internet.



Rx for Ohio

About the program:

This is a clearinghouse of information about patient assistance programs that drug companies offer. Provides an easy way to find out what you qualify for and lets you begin applications for help.

To use this program:

Call 1-877-794-6446 between 9 am and 2 pm or go to www.rxforohio.org on the Internet.

Nationwide Programs

Merck Uninsured

About the program:

Nationwide program. Offers 15-40% discount on Merck medications only.

You qualify if:

- You are uninsured, regardless of age or income
- You do not have insurance with prescription drug coverage

To apply:

Call 1-800-50-MERCK (1-800-506-3725) or go to <http://www.merckhelps.com/uninsured/> on the Internet.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

About the program:

Nationwide program.

You qualify if:

- You have an income less than \$19,000/yr for single person, \$31,000 for couple
- You do not participate in Medicaid
- You do not have insurance with prescription drug coverage

To apply:

Call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or go to www.pparx.org on the Internet.

Prescription Relief

About the program:

Nationwide program. Help with chronic medications. Handles Patient Assistance Program applications. You only need to complete one form to apply. There is a \$ 8.00 per prescription fee per month.

You qualify if:

- You do not participate in Medicaid
- You have an income less than \$ 19,000/yr for single person, \$31,000 for couple
- You do not have insurance with prescription drug coverage
- You can show proof of income.

To apply:

Call 1-866-drug-686 (1-866-378-4686) or go to <http://www.prescriptionrelief.org> on the Internet for an application.



Rx Outreach

About the program:

Nationwide program. Help with purchasing a list of 55 generic medications at reasonable cost--\$ 18 for a 90-day supply or \$ 30 for 180-day supply. Your medicines are mailed directly to you.

You qualify if:

- You are a US citizen or legal resident
- You have an income less than \$ 23,925/yr for single person, \$32,075 for a family of 2, \$40,225 for a family of 3, \$ 48,375 for a family of 4.

To apply: Call 1-800-769-3880 or go to <http://www.rxoutreach.com> on the Internet for an application and to view the list of medications that can be bought.

Together Rx Access

About the program:

Nationwide program. Helps qualified individuals save costs on a large list of prescription drugs. Sponsored by 12 of the largest drug companies

You qualify if:

- You are a legal U.S. resident
- You have an income of \$30,000 for a single person, \$ 40,000 for a family of 2, \$50,000 for a family of 3
- You have no prescription drug coverage (public or private)
- You are not eligible for Medicare

To apply: Call 1-800-444-4106 or go to <http://www.togetherrxaccess.com> for an application and to see which medications are included.

More Information

Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs

About the program:

This website lets you compare prescription drugs by price, effectiveness & safety. It may help you and your doctor choose the best & most affordable medicines that meet your needs.

To use Best Buy Drugs:

Go to <http://www.crbestbuydrugs.org> on the Internet



Medicare Drug Card Information

Call 1-800-633-4227 or go to <http://www.medicare.gov> on the Internet

Or go to Benefits Checkup Rx website www.benefitscheckuprx.org to get information about which drug card is best for you.

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging—A Consumer's Guide to Assistance with Medication Costs

This booklet is available at [COAAA Rx Guide](#) In it is detailed information about finding the right assistance program.

